A U.S. Dept. of Justice-FBI memo dated December 17, 1963, sheds new light on the relationship between **Ruth Paine** and **Lee Harvey Oswald**. In the summer of 1957, Ruth Paine, then known as Ruth Hyde, took a summer class at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. She studied Russian and later became a member of a group called the *Young Friends Movement* which sought the relaxing of tensions between East and West. According to the report (Field Office File #105-9987) a confidential informant wrote "and as a result got into contact with LEE HARVEY OSWALD family through pen pal activity." This proves a much earlier contact between Paine & Oswald than has previously been accepted.

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In his updated version of the book *The Kennedy's: Dynasty and Disaster*, author John Davis points out a possible link between **Lee Oswald** and **Carlos Marcello**. Davis writes that an undercover FBI agent who infiltrated Marcello's New Orleans empire, was told by Marcello that he knew Oswald's family and that Oswald was a runner in his (Marcello"s) bookmaking scheme during 1963.

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Newly released files from the old Soviet Union tell of a continuing Soviet financing of **terrorist organizations** throughout the world. Over $200 million went to such groups as the radical *Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine* which targeted both US and Israeli groups, and other organizations. The documents tell of Soviet funding of over 100 terrorist groups in 70 countries.

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In June, a French court handed down a life sentence to the famous terrorist **Illyich Ramirez Sanchez, aka Carlos the Jackel**. Carlos killed two French policemen who tried to arrest him in a 1975 Paris shoot out. Carlos is wanted for a string of terrorist attacks in the 1970's.

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A suspect has been arrested in the 1978 murder of actor **Bob Crane**. Crane, the star of the show *Hogan's Heros* which ran from 1965-1971, was found dead in his Scottsdale, Arizona home with a broken skull. The suspect in the Crane murder is 64 year old John Henry Carpenter, a friend of Crane's.

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A report in the *Washington Times* newspaper had disclosed the existence of a top-secret **nuclear fallout shelter** to be used by government leaders in case of nuclear war. The shelter which was built under the Greenbrier country club-resort in West Virginia, could hold up to 800 people and was totally self-sufficient. With the cold war now over, lawmakers want to close the facility.

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The United States Army has decided to reconsider the 1865 complicity charge against **Dr. Samuel Mudd** (see article in this issue) who set the broken leg of *John Wilkes Booth*. Booth came to Dr. Mudd's home in Virginia after killing President Abraham Lincoln in April, 1865. The current petition was brought by Dr. Richard Mudd, the 90 year old grandson of Dr. Samuel Mudd.

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In the early 1960's, a Soviet Colonel in Military Intelligence named **Oleg Penkovsky** offered his help in securing secret documents concerning Soviet missile and other important information for the West. Penkovsky worked for both the CIA and the British M.I.6. In order to feel truly welcome in his new role, Penkovsky asked that he be allowed to be given the rank of Colonel in both the British and American armies. A photo-session in which he modeled his new uniforms was held. Penkovsky was later caught and executed by the Soviets.

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One of history's greatest mysteries may finally be solved. Scientists in a Serbian city have positively identified the bodies of Russia's last **Czar Nicholas 11** and his wife, **Alexandra.** Their bodies were found in a pit in Yekaterinburg. Using computer enhanced images

with old pictures of the couple, a certain match was made. Another body found in the pit may be that of their daughter, **Anastasia**. The Czar and his family were killed in 1917.

In June, a top P.L.O. (Palestine Liberation Organization) intelligence agent (**Atef Bseiso**) was killed by unseen gunmen on a Paris street. Bseiso has been linked to the 1972 P.L.O. murder of Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympic games. A call from a radical Jewish group called the Kahane Chai, claimed responsibility for the hit.

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Newly released British documents have shed new light on the activities of **Rudolf Hess** and his secret flight to England. In May, 1941, Hess, then Hitler's deputy, parachuted from a Messerschmitt-110 and landed near the farm of his old friend, the Duke of Hamilton. Hess, according to the British documents, did not tell Hitler of his plans to go to England where he proposed a separate peace treaty between Britain and Nazi Germany. Hess died at the age of 93 in Spandau Prison.

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There has been much speculation over United States policy towards the **War in Vietnam** during the Kennedy administration. One point in Oliver Stone's movie, *JFK* is that the president was killed because he wanted to pull our troops out of that conflict. In a numbered (273) *National Security Action Memorandum* dated 11/21/63, one day before JFK was killed, reveals plans for further action. Paragraph 8 reads in part, "With respect to Laos, a plan should be developed for military operations up to a line up to 50 kilometers inside **Laos**, together with political plans for minimizing the international hazards of such an enterprise..." (JFK: The Book of the Film. pg.538). The memo was written by McGeorge Bundy, JFK's National Security Advisor.

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Reports form the Middle East are that both Iran and Syria are printing **counterfeit U.S. one hundred dollar bills**. They are printing these bills on presses the U.S. sold to the late Shah of Iran. The money is then being used by Iran to settle its vast debt owed to other countries. According to the report, the bogus bills are being produced in Lebanon and then shipped to Syria for further transshipment.

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Since the early 1970's, **H. Ross Perot**, the former presidential candidate, has had a deep interest in the *M.I.A-P.O.W.* issue. Perot was convinced that there were missing U.S. servicemen still alive in Laos and he began his own secret diplomacy to try and locate them. To that end, he told a House Subcommittee investigating the issue that he and his men on the ground in Southeast Asia had broken the Laotian radio system.

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The Iran-Contra prosecutor has opened up his case against **Clair George**, for lying to Congress about his knowledge in the arms-for-hostage affair. Mr. George was the third highest ranking CIA official and was responsible for running all of the agency's clandestine activities. It is charged that Mr. George ordered Alan Fires (who pleaded guilty in the Iran-Contra affair) to rewrite Congressional testimony to hide his knowledge of the White House effort to supply the Contra rebels.

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Edward Lee Howard, a CIA agent who defected to the Soviet Union in 1986, was recently arrested by Swedish police for a visa violation. Howard gave the Russians vital information including the names of Soviet spies who were working for the United States. The Howard case was broken when a former Soviet intelligence officer, Vitaly Yurchenko briefly defected to the U.S. and provided information about Howard whose code name was "Robert." Mr. Howard's fate is yet to be decided by Swedish authorities.

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Two of Washington's prominent power brokers, **Clark Clifford & Robert Altman**, were indicted in the continuing **BBCI** scandal. , for the coverup of purchases made in connection with First American Bank Shares.